

MINUTES
OHIO LIONS DISTRICT 13-C
THURSDAY – February 19, 2009
CROWN PLAZA – MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS

CALL TO ORDER: District Governor Lion Dona Klages called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Vice District Governor PDG Lion Grant Frazier.

INVOCATION: Given by Lion Bob Ahrens.

PROTOCOL: PDG Lion Carol Lester established protocol.

INTRODUCTIONS: District Governor Lion Dona Klages.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Cabinet Secretary Lion Mary Chentnik reminded everyone that minutes are available on the website and also copies were made available this evening for review. Lions present were asked to state their name and position before speaking to assist in writing the minutes. She also asked that the Committee Chairs and Zone Chairs get their Convention Annual Reports to her by the first week in April. Lions present were also asked if there were any corrections or changes to the November 13, 2008 Cabinet Meeting Minutes, DDG Lion Marty Dennis noted that on page two only she attended the Extension training session and her husband Lion Rich was not there. District Governor Lion Dona Klages asked for a motion to approve the minutes of November 13, 2008, PDG Carol Lester made the motion to accept the minutes as corrected this motion was seconded by Lion Mike Tyler. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Lion Neil Sheeley noted that as of January 31st there is only one delinquent Club. Notices were sent for the second half of the District dues on January 16, 2009. He noted that the Membership Reports for May and November are utilized by the State for billing purposes. At this time we have 1,105 members \$17,291 in revenue, \$14,903 in disbursements. There was a total of \$2,388 net revenue over disbursements. There is currently \$20,497 in assets. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Lion Mike Tyler, seconded by PDG Lion Ken Marshall and motion carried.

VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S COMMENTS:

VDG PDG Lion Grant Frazier discussed the Nautica Gambling event coming up in May to support the Lions Eye Clinic. The money raised at this event is used to buy equipment and provide eye care for those who cannot afford it. All Lions are asked to volunteer for this event.

He also noted that the Twinsburg Twin Day Parade will be held in August and he would like to see two members from each Club participate. This would give the District a showing of 80 Lions marching in support of Lionism and is a great opportunity to get publicity and recruit members. Lions have to stop being the best kept secret.

DEPUTY DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S COMMENTS:

DDG Lion Marty Dennis gave an update on the Hudson Club. A meeting was held with the core group on Monday and they are considering becoming a Branch Club. The coordinator will look into other issues and contact the other people involved. Overall it was a very positive meeting.

The Ohio State Lions Convention will be having International President Al Brandel and should be a nice weekend. The Committee has asked if we want to place an ad in their program to advertise events, also information highlighting Ohio Lions Clubs will be online at the Ohio Lions Website.

DEPUTY DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S COMMENTS CONTINUED:

She also noted that the State should be proud that the Ohio State School for the Blind was chosen to perform at the 2010 Rose Bowl Parade. This will be a 5 ½ mile walk and will require a good deal of training. They are hoping to raise \$80,000 for travel expenses and uniforms. It has been suggested that Clubs hold a 50/50 raffle or donate money to support them. A CD was given to each Zone Chair to share at meetings to highlight the band. The Ohio Lions Foundation has collected \$9,000 in donations so far and Ohio State University has donated \$19,000.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S COMMENTS:

DG Lion Dona Klages reported that Ohio is in third place in membership growth. As of July 2008 there were 226 Clubs in the State, there are now 29 additional Clubs and 14,062 Lions in Ohio.

Certificates were awarded to the 13 new Certified Guiding Lions who attending the training in Columbus last fall. This gives us 13 more members in our District who are trained as Guiding Lions.

PDG LION JERRY SMITH – INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR CANDIDATE:

PDG Lion Jerry Smith is running unopposed but he is attempting to get to all Cabinet Meetings before the District Conventions begin. He believes his position will be a great opportunity to help PID Steve Sherer. He plans on recruiting at the USA/Canadian Forum which is a well scheduled event. He also noted he has Membership experience as the State Chairman. He believes that the qualities of an International Director include "Serving those who serve" and this is his slogan and motto. He noted that without the local Clubs there is no Lions Club International.

IPDG SHARON PARKER – COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

IPDG Sharon Parker thanked everyone for the opportunity to work with the leaders in MD-13 and District 13-C. She noted that we should be honored to support the Ohio State School for the Blind in their quest to appear at the Rose Parade and noted they are a very impressive organization. She noted that at the State Convention there will be seminars relative to the time of change and the formation of new clubs as well as State Office issues.

IPDG Sharon Parker noted that she was honored to be at our meeting tonight to award the Certificate of Appreciation for the Challenge to Change - 2007-2008 to IPDG Lion Maggie Dellmore.

ZONE CHAIRMAN REPORTS:

ZONE 1: Lion Mary Chentnik reported for Lion Ken Powell that the Conneaut Lions Club installed two new members last month. The Madison Lions Club has prospects for five new members. The next Zone meeting will be hosted by Ashtabula Lions Club on March 3, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. at the Elk's Lodge on the Lake.

ZONE 2: Lion Chuck Barton noted that the next Zone meeting will be on March 17th and they will have a speaker there to talk about the Underground Railroad. Chardon Lions Club has 23 members, no report. Euclid Lions also have 23 members and have made donations to the Slovenian Home and Rosemary House in Euclid. They collected and donated 250 pair of eyeglasses to the Eye Clinic. Highland Heights Lions Club has 14 members and had their 28th Annual Highland Lighting Contest and awarded a winner for every ward in the city. They also sold 2009 Entertainment Books and donated to the Walk for the Cure at the Cleveland Zoo. They donated \$400 to the local food bank and purchased a Wii for the City Commission on Aging. They have pledged a donation to the local After Prom Party in May of 2009. Mentor Lions have 7 members, no report. North Coast Lions have 25 members and busy collecting used inkjet cartridges, helping with the fourth grade eye screening and sponsoring two entries for the District Peace Poster Contest. They have also donated to the Wickliffe Food Pantry and they participated in the District Extension Program. The Willoughby Noon Club has 18 members and collected and donated 700 pairs of glasses to GALEP. They also sponsored two complete eye cases equaling \$250. They had a joint Christmas Party with the Willoughby Evening Lions Club and participated in the District Extension Program. Willoughby Evening Lions have 21 members and had an Annual Holiday Auction, and their Calls from Santa. They sponsored Eddie Eyeglasses and prepared holiday baskets. They participated in Our Town and All around Book Sales and were active in the GOOD Program. They also had a Lions Take a Bite Out of Hunger where 20% of sales at Mick's Pub were donated. Willoughby Hills Lions have 24 members. They have a Pancake Breakfast scheduled in March.

ZONE 3: Lion Jim Klages reported that Bedford Lions inducted one new member and are working on a new community service project. Chesterland Lions, no report. Cleveland Southeast Lions began holding regular meetings again in December and are working on re-organizing and membership growth. South Euclid Lions, no report. Mayfield Lions are also working on membership and getting ready for the Spring Fling. He also noted he will be visiting all the Clubs in the Zone over the next month. The next Zone meeting will be March 10, 2009, at 6:30 P.M. at the Ellenwood Recreation Center.

ZONE 4: Lion Dick Abrams reported that Florida is nice, he had no report.

ZONE 5: Lion Shirley Frazier reported That Akron Host Lions are collecting cans and they had one member who died, Lion Herbert Jacobson. Cuyahoga Falls is having a Reverse Raffle on April 25, 2009. Greensburg Lions had one member die, Lion Bob Kaiser. They are working on their Turkey Shoot and concession stand during baseball season as well as a Reverse Raffle. Nordonia Lions are having a Chicken Dinner and working on preparation for the Twin Day Parade. Stow-Munroe Falls will be having their Race For Sight on May 7, 2009. Tallmadge Lions are having a spaghetti dinner on March 14, 2009 and celebrating their 70th Anniversary February 28th. The next Zone meeting will be March 11, 2008 at the Tallmadge Lions Hall and they will have a speaker to discuss Identity Theft.

ZONE 6: PDG Lion Tommy Thompson reported he had no report for Chippewa Lake Lions. The Copley Lions Club sold Entertainment Books and Christmas Trees. They also collected Toys for Tots. Norton Lions also sell Entertainment Books, Lions Mints and Candy Day. They collected Toys for Tots. Medina Lions painted a barn for another Lion member and assisted with a Golf Tournament for blind children. They had a fundraiser in October and sold roses. They collected Toys for Tots, had a Christmas Party on December 17th and set a Club Goal to increase their membership. Royalton Hills Lions Club donated \$500 to Laura's Home, \$325 to North Royalton Food Bank, \$325 to the City Mission, \$325 to St. Malachi's, \$1,200 for grocery store gift cards for three needy families and purchased gifts for members of the families. They also donated \$50 to sponsor a Christmas Tree and \$50 to Lend-A-Hand Food Bank. Twenty Club members also participated in the Salvation Army Kettle during the Holiday collecting \$3,444. They prepared and served hot chocolate and donuts at the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony and Christmas Parade, collected Toys for Tots, held a fundraiser selling Entertainment Books and assisted in the St. Vincent Lions Eye Clinic Reverse Raffle. Seville Lions Club donated \$600 to the Boy Scouts for new tents. They gave title of a trailer to the Scouts and co-sponsored the Scouts with the Church. They participated in the traditional Halloween hand-out of donuts and cider. They also collected Toys for Tots and had Christmas Party on December 12 for members and their families with a potluck dinner. They had their annual sale of sausage on January 24th. The Wadsworth Lions Club helped with eye exams and glasses for needy people. They hosted a weekly food drive for the Salvation Army and helped with the Red Kettle during the Holidays. They did fundraising for scholarships and sold Poinsettia plants. They collected Toys for Tots and hosted two new students from the high school each month at the regular meeting. They co-hosted the joint Zone meeting at Williams on the Lake and held their annual Christmas Show Choir Luncheon. They have five new members and one member passed away.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership - Lion Wallie Burnett reported that one Club has not reported since 2007, 35 Clubs are current, two have not reported since September and one since October. According to LCI we have 1,110 members in our District. The Twinsburg Club Charter Night will be April 19, 2009. PDG Lion Jerry Smith will be in attendance and PDG Lion Neil Beverer will be the Master of Ceremonies. All Clubs were requested to turn in their Proud Lion/Proud Sponsor Awards. The 0-1-1 Membership Plan Patches will again be rewarded, in order to qualify new members must be inducted into the Club by June 30, 2009.

Extension: IPDG Lion Maggie Dellmore thanked Lion Wallie Burnett and Lion Dave Burnett for their work with the Twinsburg Club. She also thanked DDG Lion Marty Dennis for her work with the Hudson Club along with PDG Lion Neil Beverer, Lion Rebecca Dobos, Lions Rich Dennis and DG Lion Dona Klages and Lion Jim Klages for their work in stomping up members. A meeting will be held soon with the Mentor Lions and after convention work will begin on getting a Club in the Brunswick area. Anyone wishing to volunteer to help re-build or start a new club would be greatly appreciated.

DDG Lion Marty Dennis reported that last Sunday at the Tallmadge Hall they had a good day and they took information from the Columbus session and information on how to get new members into a club to make the presentation. They had very positive feedback. She wished to thank the Tallmadge Lions for the Hall and Lions Shirley Frazier and Freda Smyth for all of their help. The need to have another session in the fall is being discussed and perhaps another training day on how to expand and recruit new members.

Convention: Lion Ada Ahrens noted that a green colored Agenda is available on the table. All information about the convention has been mailed to the Club Secretaries. The guest speaker will be ID Lion Art Marson. Please be sure to have your Club identified everyday heroes for the Friday night Banquet. Also, names are needed of those Lions who passed away for the Necrology Service, Zone Chairs are asked to follow-up with their Clubs.

GALEP: PDG Lion Ken Marshall reported that there was a regular meeting in December to dissolve GALEP. However, there was a PDG meeting in January and on investigation it was noted that the vote to disband GALEP violated the Code of Regulations. The By-Laws were abolished, however. The Ohio Lions at the State level thought that GALEP still existed. Lion John Tigue was kept informed and it is noted that they will be included in the Parade of Checks this year. On February 2nd a GALEP meeting was held and it was recommended by IPDG Maggie Dellmore that the relationship with Summa be dissolved and that they become an eyeglass only provider. Summa was concerned and didn't want to lose GALEP and wanted changes in the contract. The Financial Director made some points, but there were a lot of unanswered questions. The Motion was withdrawn and a special meeting was held on February 9th at the Tallmadge Hall and this meeting brought up the same questions and some additional questions in relation to the maintenance of the agreement with Summa or potential to move in another direction. Finally, Lion Neil Sheeley and PDG Neil Bever and PDG Ken Marshall drafted a letter to Summa for a follow-up meeting. Another meeting will be scheduled in March to hear Summa's concerns. The GALEP Corresponding Treasurer and Treasurer have resigned and Lion Neil Sheeley volunteered to be Treasurer. All other officers will remain until June 30th. All eyeglass work and surgery has been suspended since December and only immediate needs have been handled through Prevent Blindness in Ohio. GALEP had a balance of \$76,000 at the end of December and this money is safe.

Parade of Checks: The Financial Statements of the Parade of Checks participants were provided prior to the meeting. It was recommended that these statements be approved by Lion Chuck Barton, seconded by Lion Mike Tyler. Motion carried.

Amendment to By-Laws: The Amendment to the District By-Laws to change the title of Deputy District Governor to 2nd Vice District Governor and Vice District Governor to 1st Vice District Governor was reviewed and a motion made by PDG Lion Carol Lester to accept these changes, this was seconded by Lion Cindy Palmenteri and Motion carried. This Amendment will be voted on at the Business Meeting during the District Convention

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Lion Steve Hudak of the Cleveland Host Lions Club spoke on his Club's endorsement of Lion Mary Chentnik for Deputy District Governor for 2009-2010.

Lion Arldon Smyth of the Tallmadge Lions Club endorsed PDG Lion Grant Frazier for District Governor 2009-2010.

PDG Neil Bever endorsed Lion Marty Dennis for Vice District Governor 2009-2010.

An Eyeglass Collection Box made by Lions Bob Serpentine was donated by the North Royalton Lions Club to the Twinsburg Club and accepted by Jim Daniels.

PDG Lion Carol Lester resigned as PDG Chair and PDG Lion Ken Marshall is now Chair.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

PDG Lion Neil Bever reported that the Council of Governors approved the State Budget. The F&P Committee has a five year budget based on expenditures. Finances are very tight and it has been proposed to raise dues \$3.00 in 2010. This will be discussed at the State Convention along with details about the finances of the State.

There are three elected positions for Committees and candidates are needed. There is also a Building Committee candidate needed.

50/50 Raffle Winners:

Lion Ray Dellmore
PDG Lion Sharon Parker's Son-in Law*
PDG Lion Sharon Parker*

*Donated to Ohio Lions Foundation.

BENEDICTION: Lion Bob Ahrens.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 9:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Mary K. Chentnik
District 13-C Cabinet Secretary